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1. TANZANIA'S OFFICIAL SHIHATA NEWS AGENCY MAR 8 RELEASED
FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF INTERVIEW WITH CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI OF
ZULULAND:

2. QUOTE:
AFRICAN STATES MUST REALIZE THAT THERE ARE PROGRESSIVE FORCES
WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA WHO ARE WORKING FOR THE LIBERATION OF THEIR
MOTHERLAND FROM APARTHEID, A LEADING SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALIST
SAID IN DAR ES SALAAM TODAY.

CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI LEADER OF THE KWAZULU PROVINCE ALSO
CALLED ON BLACK AFRICA TO DESIST THE PRACTICE OF GRANTING RECOG-
NITION TO CERTAIN POLITICAL GROUPS LIVING OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA AS
THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE AND SPOKESMEN OF THE 20,000,000 AFRICANS
IN THE COUNTRY.

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IN AN INTERVIEW WITH SHIHATA, CHIEF BUTHELEZI SAID, "IT IS HIGH X
TIME BLACK AFRICA REALISED THAT THE 20,000,000 AFRICANS IN
SOUTH AFRICA HAVE THE WISDOM LIKE THEIR BROTHER AND SISTERS NOW
LIVING OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY TO HELP THEM CARRY ON WITH THE STRUGGLE
AGAINST APARTHEID," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE CRUCIAL FACTOR IN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE MAJORITY
RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS THE UNITY OF ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN

THE COUNTRY OVERRIDING TRIBAL, ETHNIC AND RACIAL DIFFERENCES. THIS WOULD LEAD TO THE MOBILIZATION OF THE MASSE FOR THE FINAL OBJECTIVE OF MAJORITY RULE.

WITHOUT UNDER-ESTIMATING THE MILITARY MUSCLE OF THE VOSTER REGIME, NDUGU BUTHELEZI SAID, HOWEVER, THAT "THE FORCES OPPOSED TO US ARE NOT FORMIDABLE WHEN ONE THINKS THAT THE ECONOMIC POWER OF SOUTH AFRICA IS BASED ON THE EXPLOITATION OF AFRICAN LABOUR."

"WE SHOULD EXERT OUR UNITY ON THE ECONOMIC STRUCTURE BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE ENEMY IS MOST VULNERABLE," CHIEF BUTHELEZI SAID.

CHIEF BUTHELEZI SAID IN AN EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT THE UNITY OF FREEDOM LOVING FORCES IN SOUTH AFRICA, HE HELPED LAUNCH LAST YEAR THE BLACK UNITY FRONT. ONE OF THE FIRST ACTS OF THIS FRONT WAS TO ESTABLISH A NEWSPAPER, "THE NATION" TO HELP MOBILISE THE MASSES. HE NOTED THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE MASS MEDIA IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS CONTROLLED BY THE RACIST GOVERNMENT, AND THAT THE PRESS WAS HOSTILE TO PROGRESSIVE PROCES.

ON THE LAST YEAR'S OUTBREAKS ON UNREST IN VARIOUS PARTS OF SOUTH AFRICA, CHIEF BUTHELEZI SAID HTERE WILL ALWAYS BE INCIDENTS OF UNREST IN THE COUNTRY, AS LONG AS AFRICANS ARE DENIED THEIR LEGITIMATE HUMAN RIGHTS.

HE SAID THAT DESPITE THE COST IN HUMAN AND MATERIAL TERMS, THE UPRISINGS CONTRIBUTED POSITIVELY TO HEIGHTENING THE POLITICAL CLIMATE. THEY HAVE ALSO LED TO A POLARISATION OF POLITICAL VIEWS IN REGARD TO APARTHEID AMONG THE COUNTRY'S WHITES.

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE WHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA WHO FAVOURED A CHANGE IN THE APARTHEID SYSTEM LACKED POWER TO BRING OUT THE THE DESIRED CHANGES.

CHIEF BUTHELEZI WHO IS ON HIS WAY BACK HOME FROM A LECTURE TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES, SAID THE MAJORITY OF BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS UNCLASSIFIED

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REJECTED THE POLICY OF BANTUSTAN OR SEPARATE INDEPENDENCE WHICH IS THE CORNERSTONE OF APARTHEID.

HE SAID HE HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY VARIOUS AUDIENCES HE SPOKE TO IN THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID HE EXPECTED THE U.S. TO REVIEW ITS POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA, ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, MR. ANDREW YOUNG.

HE DESCRIBED HIS AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE YESTERDAY AS "THE BEST" HE HAD WITH ANY HEAD OF STATE. UNQUOTE.
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